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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: EXBS ADVISOR'S REPORTING CABLE (JUNE 2009)

I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

1. On June 2, President Nazarbayev signed legislation ratifying Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) umbrella agreement, officially known as the Amendment to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Republic of Kazakhstan Concerning the Destruction of Silo Launchers of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, Emergency Response and the Prevention of Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. This agreement was originally signed in Washington on December 13, 2007.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

2. June 2-4, the Astana EXBS advisor participated in the 2009 EXBS Advisor Conference in Tbilisi, Georgia.

3. June 5-13, the Astana and Yerevan EXBS advisors visited the Gogavan, Bagratashen, and Bavea Ports of Entry, the Ayrum railway station, and the Gyumry airport in Armenia. Introductory meetings were also held with representatives from the National Security Service, the State Revenue Committee, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Armenian Nuclear Regulatory Authority, the Export Control Commission, the Border Guard Service and Customs.

4. June 19, the EXBS Program Manager participated in a meeting in Astana between Kazakhstan government officials and Michael Stafford of the Nuclear Smuggling Outreach Initiative.

5. June 25-27, the EXBS program sponsored three Kazakhstani officials to attend the Tenth International Export Control

Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Kazakhstan was represented by Marina Davidovskaya and Kuandyk Apanasov of the Customs Control Committee and Alina Moldasheva of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

B. TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

6. June 18-19, EXBS, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy's International Nonproliferation Export Control Program (INECP), sponsored an Export Control Enterprise Outreach Workshop for Institutes and Research Organizations in Almaty. This workshop involved 28 local compliance experts from Kazakhstani organizations. Representatives from the Korean Ministry of Knowledge Economy and the Korea Strategic Trade Institute participated in this workshop and gave a presentation on the Strategic Trade Information System (Yestrade).

C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

7. None

D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

8. July 16-17, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) will conduct an EXBS funded two-day nonproliferation workshop in Almaty for Kazakhstani prosecutors, investigators, and judges.

E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

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9. Major Ospanov Daniyar, Chief of the Anti-Contraband Division of the Customs Control Committee, informed the EXBS advisor that the Customs Control Committee is making plans to transfer customs officials from the border with the Russian Federation to other customs posts in Kazakhstan as a result of the impending customs union with Russia and Belarus.

F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

10. Caspian Regional Maritime EXBS Advisor Lt. Michael Fisher has departed Baku, Azerbaijan, and responsibility for maritime issues related to Kazakhstan has been transferred to the Astana EXBS advisor.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

11. None

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